institutions. He also suggested the organization of an Economic Conference as in Mysore with Committees for Agriculture and Co-operation, Industry and Trade, and Education.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

57. Industrial Education.

Mr. K. Sankara Panikkar (Member, Nominated) in the course of his representation thanked the Government for having ordered the Industrial Survey and suggested that an Indian Assistant—official or non-official—be given to Dr. Barker, the Special Officer. The following proposals were then made :—

(1) A periodical must be published, like the Agricultural Journal, to keep the people informed of the industrial progress in all countries.

(2) A survey should be conducted by the Director of Agriculture to ascertain the quantity of paddy required for local consumption, the extent of land available for paddy cultivation, and the area at present under paddy cultivation, the object of such a survey being to make the State self-sufficient in the matter of paddy production.

(4) Each village should have an Industrial School of its own.

(5) Every taluk should have its own Industrial School, the Village and Taluk Industrial institutions being affiliated to the Central Technical Institute at the capital which would be founded as the *Shashtyabdapurthi* Memorial.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

58. State aid to Industries and Commercial pursuits.

Mr. C. Raman Tampi B. A. & B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) first spoke about the necessity to increase the budget of the Agricultural Department.

Though the State finances appeared to be sound and satisfactory, the country as a whole was not as prosperous as one would imagine. In considering the question as to what had been done to mitigate the sufferings of the people, the Member referred to the objects of the Industrial Department as explained in the Administration Report and was of opinion that much benefit had not accrued to the State from the operations of the department so far. The people were starving on account of economic distress and when such cottage industries as mat-making, weaving, coir-making and other industries like the manufacture of sugar, &c., could easily have been developed, the Special Officer, Industrial Survey, was devoting attention to scents and varnishes and perfumes and lace. In regard to dye-stuffs again, the Special Officer was only publishing what had been discovered already. The Member stated that the Government ought to pioneer industries and demonstrate to the people their possibilities till confidence had been established. Loans ought then to be advanced to those who came forward to take up such works. The functions of the Department would thereafter be (1) to carry on investigations with a view to find out new industries, (2) to give expert advice to those engaged in industries already started, and (3) to learn, from countries which had attained eminence in industrial concerns, improved methods and to devise appliances and machines and impart instruction to the people regarding the same. He regretted the action of Government in refusing help to the Sugar Factory at Ettumanur in the matter of the disposal of the bye-products. A similar discouraging feature was that Mr. Narasimha Iyer of Kottarakara was not given any financial aid for the manufacture of his excellent cocoanut-shell buttons, though high officers of Government were favourably impressed with his work. The Manager of the Weaving Factory at Mavelikara wanted some help which the Government did not give.

The Member then made the following suggestions :—

(1) An Economic Conference should be held every year at Trivandrum.

(2) There should be a Central Standing Committee to advise the Government on questions of industries and commerce.

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